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FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
MELTING AND REFINING MATERIALS
CAPABLE OF BEING VITRIFIED

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Responsive to the Examiner's Answer dated October 23, 2003 (Answer), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application, in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 16 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.